(e) if so, when these incentives would be made applicable; and

(f) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Industries manufacturing goods without aid of power are generally small in size. The general small scale exemption scheme which provides certain excise duty concessions based on value of clearancfes is applicable to most of these goods. In that scheme small scale units are not required to pay any excise duty for clearances upto Rs. 30 lakhs. This concession is considered adequate for small units manufacturing goods without using power. However, in certain exceptional cases, goods manufactured without using power have been fully cr partially exempted from excise duty.

fb) Data about labour strength in power using detergent industries and non-power using detergent industry is not available and the time and effort spent in collecting such data may not be commensurate with the result likely to be achieved.

(c) At present there is no proposal to give any further tax incentives for industries not using power.

(d) Generally, it is true that non-power based industries help in reducing electricity consumption.

(e) and (f). Does not arise in view of (a) and (c) above.

Pre-Budget Discussion

2102. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minis, ter of FINANCE be peased to state :

(a) whether he had held pre-budget discussion with the economists, industrialists, farmers and trade union leaders recently;

(b) it so, the outcome of these discussions;

(c) whether the suggestions made by them have been reflected in the Union Budget for 1994-95; and

(d) if 80, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. The Fin,
ance Minister held pre-budget discussions with Economists, Industrialists, Agriculturists, Trade Union Leaders, Experts in Science and Technology and the Representatives of the Small Scale Industry during December 3-13, 1993. Such discussions are held every year to invite views from a cross-section of society. The suggestions made in these meetings along with various other representations, memoranda, etc. receivd in the Ministry, are taken into account in preparing the Budget proposals.

बिहार में गरीबी उन्मूलन कार्यक्रम

2103. श्री रामविलास पासवान : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार सरकार ने गरीबी उन्मूलन कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत कोई योजना विश्व बैंक को प्रस्तुत की है :

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो क्या भारत सरकार बिहार सरकार द्वारा राज्य में गरीबी के उन्मूलन हेतु वर्ष 1994-95 में क्रियान्वित करने के लिए कोई महत्वाकांक्षी योजना बनाने जा रही है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० अबरार अहमद) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) और (घ) आई. आर. डी. पी, ट्राइसेम (टी. आर. वाईएस. ई. एम.) जवाहर रोजगार योजना, द्वारका (डी. ब्ल्यू. ए. आर. सी. ए.) तथा रोजगार बीमा योजनाओं सहित बिहार में गरीबी-विरोधी योजनाएं पहले ही क्रियान्वित की जा रही हैं । उक्त योजनाओं का क्रियान्वयन 1994-95 में भी जारी रहेगा ।

Action against officials in Baiddng Sector

2104. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated any action against the officials in the banking sector indicted in the final report of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) which inquired into the securities scam; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMAD): (a) and (b). Government have raquested the public sector banks whose names figured in the Joint Parliamentary Committee Report to complete departmental action by 30th June, 1994 and the reports received so far indicate that in most of the cases action has been initiated and in some cases it has been completed.

In respect of other banks in the banking sector, RBI has been asked to take necessary action. Action Taken Resport' will be laid on the Table of the House.

Notices issued to PSUs by BIFR

2105. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of companies/PSUs for which BIFR has issued notices *for* winding;

(b) whether Government have received alternative proposals for revival of some sick PSUs for which notices have been issued;

(c) whether some NRIs have also offered financial package as a part of revival scheme for different PSUs;

(d) whether Govermnent have not considered the same; and

(e) if so, details and facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) The Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) has reported that it has issued winding up notices in respect of 76 companies in-eluding nine Public Sector Undertakirigs (PSUs).

(b) to (e) BIFR have not received any concrete proposals for revival of the PSUs which have been issued winding up notices except in the case of Tannery and Footwear Corporation Limited (TAFCO) where an NRI has evinced interest BIFR would consider the proposal as per the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985.

Setting up of Joint Venture units by Singapore Insurance Company

2106. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister *dt* FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Singa-pore Insurance Company proposes to set up joint ventures in India in the insui'anoe; and

(b) if so. the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b). The High Commission of India in Singapore have received an enquiry from M/s chuff Pacific Underwriting Management Servcies Pvt. Ltd., Singapore for opening a representative office in India. Under tho eodsting law, setting up joint ventures by foreign insurance companies in India is not permissible.